works giving priorities. The Railways then examine the cases and include such of them in the Works Programme for which the various prerequisit formalities have been completed by the State Governments.

9. The work of widening road over bridge at Ghatkopar is in planning stage to be executed on 'deposit' terms.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

Percentage of VIP (Emergency) Rail Accommodation Quota

3007. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of VIP (Emergency) Rail Accommodation Quota Class-wise in various Mail and Express Trains;

(b) how much time before departure of the train the unutilised quota is surrendered for general allotment;

(c) What measures are adopted by the Railways to ensure that unutilised VIP/ Emergency Quota Accommodation is not cornored by travel agents to detriment of General public interest; and

(d) what guidelines are adopted to ensure that the staff at Railway Headquarters do not misuse this quota?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C,K, JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) A limited number of berths/seats have been earmarked as Emergency Quota which differ from train to train and station to station.

(b) to (d) The Emergency quota is released by the nominated officers as per the prescribed instructions and the unutilised portion of the Emergency Quota is allotted to the RAC and wait-listed passengers at the time of preparation of charts. In the computerised reservation system the computer automatically releases the unutilised quota to RAC/Wait-listed passengers. Besides, surprise checks are also conducted from time to time to ensure that unutilised quota is released to the RAC/Wait-listed passengers in order of their priority.

Rail Accidents

3008. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of rail accidents that took place in the country during the last two months;

(b) what is the number of persons killed/injured in these accidents;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to have insurance coverages to the passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 86 train accidents took place on the Zonal Railways during the months of June and July' 94.

(b) 36 persons lost their lives and 143 sustained injuries in these accidents.

(c) and (d) The Insurance Scheme for the bonafide rail passengers as envisaged in the Railways (Amendment) Act, 1994 has already been implemented with effect from 01.08.1994. Under this scheme, Railways will pay compensation for loss of life or injuries to bonafide passengers holding tickets or pass including railwaymen on duty who become victims of untoward incidents such as terrorist acts. violent attack, robbery or dacoity, rioting, shootout or arson by any person in or on any train carrying passengers, or in a waiting hall, cloak room or reservation or booking office or on any platform or in any place within the precincts of a railway station or the accidental falling of any passenger from a train carrying passengers.